

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A finger follower for use in an engine, the finger follower comprising:

a main body including spaced apart first and second walls, the first wall defining a first aperture therein and the second wall defining a second aperture therein, the first and second apertures each having an inner diameter less than or equal to a first diameter;

a shaft assembly having a first portion positionable between the walls and having a second, outer diameter that is larger than the first diameter, the shaft assembly including secondary portions extending from the first portion and configured to be received in the first and second apertures, the first portion being rotatable with respect to the main body, and the secondary portions being non-rotatable with respect to the main body; and

a cam follower positioned in the body between the first and second walls, the cam follower including an outer ring with a plurality of rolling elements positioned between the outer ring and the shaft assembly first portion such that the outer ring, rolling elements and the shaft assembly first portion are rotatable relative to one another and the shaft assembly first portion is rotatable relative to the shaft assembly second portion;

wherein the cam follower has a cam follower outer diameter, the first diameter being between about ten percent and about twenty-five percent of the outer diameter of the cam follower.

2. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second apertures both have a diameter equal to the first diameter.

Claims 3-6 (canceled).

7. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first portion is a hollow shaft defining a shaft aperture therethrough and the secondary portions are ends of a solid shaft, the solid shaft being received in the shaft aperture.

Claim 8 (canceled).

9. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first diameter is less than or equal to about ninety percent of the second diameter.

10. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first diameter is less than or equal to about seventy-five percent of the second diameter.

11. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first diameter is less than or equal to about fifty-percent of the second diameter.

12. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first diameter is less than or equal to about thirty percent of the second diameter.

13. (canceled)

14. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the secondary portions are substantially concentric with the first portion and the first portion is substantially concentric with the cam follower.

15. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cam follower has a first width and the shaft assembly first portion has a second width less than or equal to the first width.

Claims 16-19 (canceled).

20. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the secondary portions each include an enlarged head portion, the enlarged head portions engageable with the first and second side walls to prevent the secondary portions from substantial lateral movement with respect to the main body.

21. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 20, wherein the enlarged head portions are substantially flush with outer surfaces of the first and second walls.

22. (Original) The finger follower as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cam follower has an outer diameter and defines a cam follower aperture defining an inner diameter of the cam follower, the first portion defining a shaft aperture therethrough, which defines an inner diameter of the first portion, and the secondary portions having a third diameter, and wherein the second diameter is substantially complementary to the inner diameter of the cam follower, and wherein the inner diameter of the first portion, the first diameter and the third diameter are substantially complementary to each other.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a finger follower, the method comprising:

providing a main body including a first wall having a first aperture defined therein and a second wall having a second aperture defined therein, the first and second walls being spaced apart from one another;

providing a cam follower including an outer ring about a plurality of rolling elements, the rolling elements defining a cam follower aperture through the cam follower, wherein the cam follower has a cam follower outer diameter, and wherein the first and second apertures each have a diameter between about ten percent and about twenty-five percent of the outer diameter of the cam follower;

positioning a hollow shaft, having a shaft aperture therethrough, in the cam follower aperture;

positioning the cam follower and the hollow shaft between the first and second walls with the shaft aperture aligned with the first and second apertures;

positioning a second shaft through the aligned first aperture, shaft aperture, and second aperture; and

fixing the second shaft against rotation relative to the main body.

Claim 24 (canceled).

25. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a finger follower, the method comprising:

providing a main body including a first wall having a first aperture defined therein and a second wall having a second aperture defined therein, the first and second walls being spaced apart from one another and the first and second apertures each having an inner diameter less than or equal to a first diameter;

providing a cam follower including an outer ring about a plurality of rolling elements, the rolling elements defining a cam follower aperture through the cam follower, wherein the cam follower has a cam follower outer diameter, the first diameter being between about ten percent and about twenty-five percent of the outer diameter of the cam follower;

providing a shaft assembly including a first portion having a second diameter larger than the first diameter and secondary portions extending from the first portion;

positioning the first portion in the cam follower aperture;

positioning the secondary portions in the respective first and second apertures such that the shaft assembly is supported by the first and second walls; and

fixing the secondary portions ~~second shaft~~ against rotation relative to the main body.

26. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the first portion is a hollow shaft defining a shaft aperture therethrough and the secondary portions are ends of a solid shaft, the step of inserting the secondary portions includes inserting the solid shaft through the first and second apertures and the shaft aperture.

Claim 27 (canceled).